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R 060123Z MAY 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
AMCONSUL TORONTO  
AMCONSUL MONTREAL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AGAO, AFIN

SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
PROGRAMS IN CANADA"

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE GAO OF SUBJECT  
REVIEW WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANADA IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH SCHEDULE GIVEN BELOW. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO  
REVIEW OVERALL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ASSESS THE FEASIBI-  
LITY OF STREAMLINING THE PROGRAM AND PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES  
FOR FULFILLING THE U.S. OBLIGATION TO FOREIGN NATIONAL  
RETIREES. A SIMILAR STUDY WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE  
PHILIPPINES EARLY THIS YEAR. TEAM WISHES TO MEET WITH  
EMBASSY AND CONSULATE PERSONNEL AND CANADIAN SOCIAL  
SECURITY AGENCY OFFICIALS.

2. THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR TWO-MAN GAO TEAM CONSISTING  
OF MESSRS. MAURICE S. BLAIS AND THOMAS D. NEWBY FOLLOWS:  
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MAY 24 - ARRIVE TORONTO FROM MEXICO AND REMAIN OVERNIGHT.

MAY 25 - ARRIVE OTTAWA FROM TORONTO FOR COURTESY CALL ON  
EMBASSY AND BRIEFING;

MAY 27 TO 30 - MONTREAL. RETURN TO U.S. MAY 30 IN AFTER-

NOON.

DETAILS CONCERNING TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL.  
PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH FOR NIGHT OF  
MAY 24 IN TORONTO AND NIGHTS OF MAY 27 THROUGH 29 IN  
MONTREAL. NO ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED FOR MAY 25.  
PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATION AND NAME OF HOTEL. NO TRAVEL  
ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR TEAM.

3. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO  
THE GAO AND TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN GUIDELINES  
OF 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD  
ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW, PARTICULARLY  
REGARDING GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DEPARTMENT  
FILES OR DOCUMENTS, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS  
ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED  
FOR BY THE EMBASSY AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF  
FEASIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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